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**LEGAL MEMORANDUM**

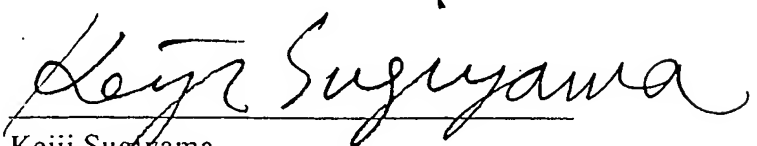
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I, the undersigned, graduated from the Law School of the Tokyo University and passed the Japanese bar examination in 1976, received mandatory training at the Legal Research and Training Institute for two years thereafter, and I was admitted to the bar and became a practicing attorney in 1979. Since then, I have practiced Japanese law, including civil law, for more than twenty-one years.

1. According to a certified copy of a family registration of the deceased Mr. Izuo Aoki, which was issued on July 21, 2000, his relatives concerned are Mrs. Midori Aoki (wife) and Keisuke Aoki (son aged eight years).
2. A wife of the deceased is an heir under Article 890 of the Japanese Civil Act. A child of the deceased is also an heir under Article 887 of the same Act. If there is any child, no other relatives (except for a spouse) are qualified for inheritance (Article 889). So, Mrs. Midori Aoki and Keisuke Aoki are the sole heirs of deceased Mr. Izuo Aoki.
3. If a child is a juvenile, its parent is entitled to act for it in accordance with Article 824 of the same Act. Then, Mrs. Midori Aoki has the legal right to represent the minor child Keisuke Aoki.
4. Therefore, Mrs. Midori Aoki is authorized to sign on Mr. Aoki's behalf, as an heir for herself and as a parent of the other heir Keisuke Aoki.
5. See the attached translation of the related Articles of the Japanese Civil Act.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, or of any patent issuing therefrom.

  
Keiji Sugiyama

## The Civil Code of Japan

### Article 824

A person who exercises parental power manages the property of a child and represents the child on juristic acts concerning its property; in cases, however, where an obligation is to be created having for its subject any act of the child, the consent of the child itself shall be obtained.

### Article 887

Children of a person to be succeeded to become successors.

2. If a child of a person to be succeeded to had died previous to the opening of the succession, or lost the right of succession due to falling under the provision of Article 891 or due to disinheritance, the children of such person become successors by virtue of succession by representation. Provided that this shall not apply to those who are not lineal descendants of the person to be succeeded to.

3. The provision of the preceding paragraph shall apply *mutatis mutandis* in the case where a successor by representation had died previous to the opening of the succession, or lost the right of succession by representation due to falling under the provision of Article 891 or due to disinheritance.

### Article 889

In cases where there exists no person who is to become successor in accordance with the provision of Article 887, the persons mentioned below become successors in the order as follows:

( I ) Lineal ascendants; provided that as between persons standing in different degree of relationship, those nearer in degree are preferred;

( II ) Brothers and sisters.

2. The provisions of Article 887 paragraph 2 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* in the case mentioned in item ( II ) of the preceding paragraph.

### Article 890

The spouse of a person succeeded to becomes, in every case, a successor. In this case, if there is any person who is to become a successor in accordance with the provisions of the preceding three Articles, the order of succession of the spouse shall be in the same rank with such person.





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戸籍に記録されている者  除籍	【名】 伊豆男 【生年月日】昭和37年3月6日 【父】青木周 【母】青木ひさ 【続柄】二男
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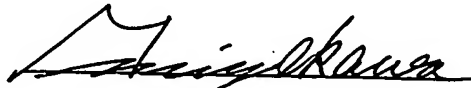


**DECLARATION**

I, Masashi MIYAKAWA, residing at 9-1-7, Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan, do solemnly and sincerely declare:

1. That I am well acquainted with the Japanese and English languages, and
2. That the attached document:  
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is true translation into the English language.

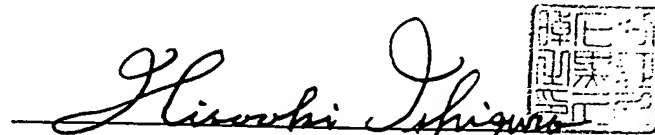
And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and correct.

  
Masashi MIYAKAWA

**NOTARIAL CERTIFICATE**

Registration No. 1789 of 2000

Subscribed and affirmed before me on this 7th day of August, 2000.

  
Notary: HISAANKI ISHIGURO





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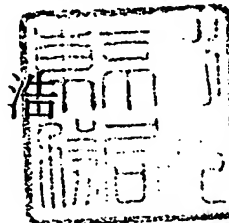
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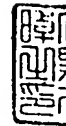
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Articles of a family-register This family-register was amended.	Date of amendment: November 2, 1996. Reason of the amendment: It was amended by art. 2, para. 1 of supplementary provisions of 51 <sup>st</sup> of a Ministerial Ordinance of the Ministry of Justice in 1994.
A person registered in this family register. Removal from this family register.	Name: Izuo Date of birth: March 6, 1962 Father: AOKI Shuichi Mother: AOKI Hisa Personal relationship: the second son
Status articles Birth	Date of birth: March 6, 1962 Place of birth: Mishima-shi, Shizuoka-ken Date of reporting of birth: March 14, 1962 Person of reporting of birth: father
Marriage	Date of marriage: January 27, 1991 Name of his spouse: IWASAWA Midori Family-register before marriage: 853-3, Mishima-shi, Shizuoka-ken AOKI Shuichi
Death	Date of death: January 7, 1999 Time of death: at 1: 32 p.m. Place of death: Ichihara-shi, Chiba-ken Date of reporting of death: January 9, 1999 Person of reporting of death: relative AOKI Midori Date of reporting: January 18, 1999 Person of acceptance: the mayor of Ichihara-shi, Chiba-ken
A person registered in this family-register.	Name: Midori Date of birth: April 9, 1966 Father: IWASAWA Morio Mother: IWASAWA Tomiko Personal relationship: the third daughter
Status articles Birth	Date of birth: April 9, 1966 Place of birth: Chiba-shi, Chiba-ken Date of reporting of birth: April 11, 1966 Person of reporting of birth: father Date of reporting: April 20, 1966 Person of acceptance: the mayor of Chiba-shi, Chiba-ken
Marriage	Date of marriage: January 27, 1991 Name of her spouse: AOKI Izuo Family-register before marriage: 1348-4, Goi, Ichihara-shi, Chiba-ken IWASAWA Morio
Death of her spouse	Date of the death of her spouse: January 7, 1999
A person registered in this family-register	Name: Keisuke Date of birth: May 15, 1992 Father: AOKI Izuo Mother: AOKI Midori Personal relationship: the first son
Status articles Birth	Date of birth: May 15, 1992 Place of birth: Ichihara-shi, Chiba-ken Date of reporting of birth: May 22, 1992 Person of reporting of birth: father Date of reporting: May 28, 1992 Person of acceptance: the mayor of Ichihara-shi, Chiba-ken
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